# Neighborhood Association Engagement Model Status Report

**Neighborhood Services and Education Committee February 13, 2025** 

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## Neighborhood Engagement Model



- End of fiscal year 2023-2024: The Neighborhoods
   Commission was sunset, and the transition to the
   Neighborhood Association Engagement Model began.
- Neighborhood Engagement Model is made up of <u>three</u> pillars:
  - Foundational Model Neighborhood Association Forums
  - Expanded Model Neighborhoods Support Team
  - Neighborhood Services Advisory Group
- 2024-2025: Neighborhood Association Engagement Model focuses on the implementation of the Foundational Model

### **Model Themes**

#### **Capacity Building**

Providing support to enable all neighborhoods to create self-sufficient associations.

### **Issue Support**

Providing information and resources to enable neighborhood associations to navigate City services.

#### Connectivity

Connecting neighborhood associations to one another to build community, learn from one another, and strengthen selfsufficiency.

#### **Two-Way Communication**

Providing information to and soliciting information from neighborhood associations so they are well-informed, and the City understands needs.

#### **Advising**

Facilitating processes for neighborhood associations to make recommendations to City leadership on decisions.





### **Foundational Model**

### **Neighborhood Association Forum**

- Quarterly neighborhood forums hosted by PRNS
- Neighborhood associations learn about City resources and provide input to City administration on quality-of-life issues
- Neighborhood associations learn and share best practices with one another
- Opportunity to facilitate two-way communication between City Departments and neighborhoods



### **Foundational Model**

### **Annual Neighborhoods Conference**

- Oct 2024 PRNS hosted the second Annual Neighborhoods Conference at City Hall
- Centered around the theme of "Neighborhoods are the Heart of San Jose"
- 250 neighborhood leaders, residents, and community partners in attendance

## Next Steps

#### Quarterly Neighborhood Forums

- First forum held January 25, 2025
- Second forum in March 2025
- Three areas with the most votes from the 2024 Annual Neighborhoods Conference participants:
  - Connectivity/Public Safety
  - Advising: Strengthening neighborhood associations
  - Advising: Communicating with city/elected officials
- Annual Neighborhoods Conference
  - Fall 2025







### **Next Forum**

March 22, 2025: Strengthening Your Neighborhood Association Scan below to register!





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